

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 13-20 are pending. Claims 1, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 are amended. Claims 3, 4 and 6 are canceled.

The independent claims have been amended to include features of claims 3, 4 and 6 as well as Example 1, Table 1. It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims overcome the outstanding rejections and place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Enoki et al. This rejection has been rendered moot at least due to the present amendment which incorporates the features of claims 6 into the independent claims and which further requires water which is not disclosed or suggested by Enoki et al.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 13-18 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Kanda et al. This rejection has also been overcome by the above-noted amendments.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

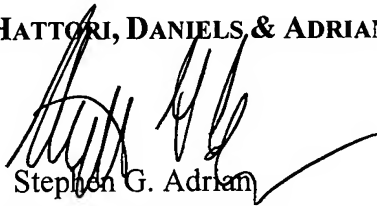
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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